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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2001. This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a Two-month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$400.00 in payment of the required extension fee. A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached, with deletions indicated by brackets and additions indicated by underlining.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 14, 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 13, 16, 21 and 35 as follows:

13. (Amended) A filter element comprising a plurality of filter medium layers joined together such that a fluid to be filtered flows successively through the layers in a flow direction commencing with an inflow layer and ending with a discharge layer, wherein successive layers in said flow direction exhibit an

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